Celebrating the Class of 2020

Spring 2020 Commencement Options

Note: Graduates can select **multiple** options.

Please read the information below for important details regarding next steps for celebrating the class of 2020.

Questions can be directed to commencement@ucdenver.edu.

**Option 1 – Rental Regalia for Photos**

Herff Jones will rent regalia to anyone who would still like to receive it in order to take photos themselves. Shipping is complimentary for cap and gown items, so graduates are only responsible for the rental fees. Regalia will include a return shipping label for graduates to return their regalia. Please return gowns and hoods within two weeks of receipt. Caps/tams and tassels are yours to keep.

- For graduates who had previously registered:
  - To **CONVERT** your existing order to one that will be shipped to you, complete this [online form](#) by May 16, 2020.
  - To **CANCEL** your order and receive a refund, click on this [link](#) and complete the form at the bottom of the page by May 16, 2020.
  - If you have already received your order and wish to take photos with it, please do so. Please note that no refunds will be issued for opened regalia. Use the return shipping label included in your order when you’re ready to return it. Returns must be received by June 1, 2020.
  - **If you have not opened your gown** and want a full REFUND, please complete this [online form](#) at the bottom of the page by May 16, 2020 and follow the instructions for returning your rented items.

- For graduates who had NOT previously registered:
  - To **place an order** to be shipped to you, complete this [online form](#) and provide payment for the regalia rental. Please submit your orders by May 16, 2020.

- **Commencement merchandise** such as announcements, stoles, souvenir tassels, and diploma frames can be ordered [here](#).

- For graduates who would like to purchase **only** a cap and tassel, please order [here](#) under the Cap & Gown section.
Due to the evolving stay at home orders between states, Herff Jones cannot guarantee regalia will be shipped and delivered before the virtual ceremony. It may take up to 28 days to receive your order. Regalia orders are intended for personal photos and is not required for participation in the virtual ceremony. Please submit your orders by **Friday, May 16, 2020**.

- If you are not sure if you have already placed an order, contact [commencement@ucdenver.edu](mailto:commencement@ucdenver.edu)

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### Option 2 – Virtual Ceremony

Graduates are invited to participate in a customizable virtual ceremony. Degrees will be conferred, remarks will be presented by university leadership, and student names will be read. Each graduate can customize their slide to include their own photo and an expression of gratitude to those who supported their educational success. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020.

- To participate in the virtual ceremony, please submit your photo and expression of gratitude by **noon on Tuesday, April 28, 2020**. Unique, individual links will be emailed to each graduate from Marching Order, so be sure to keep an eye on your inbox.
- Join us for the ceremony watch party! Tag your photos and share your slides using #CUDenverGrad and tune in to the University of Colorado Denver Facebook page to watch the ceremony with SGA leaders and see your posts shared live.

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### Option 3 – In-Person Ceremony for May Graduates

For graduates and their families who wish to celebrate in person, a standalone celebration specifically for May graduates will be held on Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at 6 p.m. in the Colorado Convention Center. This ceremony will be designed to recognize this graduating class and will be presented in the typical CU Denver in-person format, where all graduates in attendance will have their name read. All participants will receive a diploma cover and programs that note their name, degree, and honors if applicable.

- Students who wish to participate in the Dec. 11 ceremony should RSVP [here](mailto:).  
  - Please note, if students elect to ship rental regalia to themselves via option 1, they will still need to pay all commencement fees for the Dec. 11 ceremony.
  - This is an RSVP link only, you will receive information about registering for the ceremony and renting regalia once that order site becomes available.
  - Graduates who had previously registered and would like to participate in the Dec. 11 ceremony will **not** be able to roll over their registration. You
will need to cancel your existing order and then place a new order for the Dec. 11 ceremony

- Remember, graduation is separate from commencement. Students who wish to participate in the in-person December celebration should **not** withdraw their graduation application for spring 2020. This ensures you will receive your official printed diploma in the mail in July.

- If graduates cannot attend the Dec. 11 ceremony, they can elect to participate in **any** future commencement ceremony. Registration for CU Denver spring ceremonies typically opens in March. Registration for CU Denver fall ceremonies typically opens in October. Please visit [www.ucdenver.edu/commencement](http://www.ucdenver.edu/commencement) during the semester you’d like to attend commencement in order to register, pay the applicable rental fees, and participate in that ceremony.

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**Option 4 – Diploma Cover & Program Mailing**

For graduates who **cannot attend** the in-person ceremony in December and would like to receive a diploma cover and 3 copies of a program with their name in it as a keepsake, please fill out this [form](http://www.ucdenver.edu/commencement) by **May 16, 2020**. These items will be mailed to graduates in late May.

Alternatively, once the Registrar’s office is open on campus, graduates may stop by the fifth floor of the Student Commons building at their convenience to pick up a diploma cover.

All students who complete their degree requirements in the spring semester and graduate will **receive their official printed diplomas** in the mail in July.

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Graduates can select **multiple** options. Participating in the virtual ceremony does not preclude participation in a future in-person ceremony. Students can select the options that best fit their future plans, family travel, and their personal budgets.